

Alexandria Gazette.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1903.

LOCAL NEWS.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7:25 a. m. and sets at 4:47 p. m. High water at 10:57 a. m. and 11:09 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section fair tonight and Thursday; variable winds.

Christmas Music.

The following are the programmes of the Christmas music at St. Mary's and Grace Churches:

Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Veni Creator, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Mercendante, Adieu, Fidelis. Choir: Mrs. Nettie Donnelly-Brill, directress; Misses Mai Greenwell, Lottie Greenwell, Mary Steiner, A. Stutenburgh, M. Breen, A. Gorman, M. Normyle, and Messrs. J. Lynch, E. M. Birrell, L. P. Harlow, T. A. Stutenburgh, R. L. Wenzell, P. F. Downey and W. L. Hoy; organist, Jos. L. Monroe.

GRACE CHURCH.—7 a. m.—Festal holy communion with service in F. by B. Tours; offertory anthem, "Shepherds," H. P. Danks; Gloria in Excelsis, Wilkinson; Nunc Dimittis, Tonus Regius. 10:30 a. m.—morning prayer and holy communion—Vente, Humphrey; Gloria, 71, 70, 163; Te Deum, R. H. McCarty; Benedictus, Dr. Hodges; offertory anthem, "Arie, Shine," F. C. Maker; Gloria in Excelsis, old chant; Nunc Dimittis, Tonus Regius.

Choir—Mrs. R. F. Green, soprano; Mrs. C. J. Deahl, alto; Mr. C. J. Deahl, tenor; Mr. F. T. King, bass.

Fire in the County.

The destruction by fire early yesterday morning of Mr. Fred. Batchelder's residence in Alexandria county, was announced in the Gazette. The building was situated about 100 yards northwest of the Fort Myer signal post, on the road between Rosslyn and Arlington, and the fire occurred at five o'clock in the morning. Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder escaped with their lives in their night clothes. Batchelder & Dunn's saloon, which adjoin the house, became ignited, but the fire was prevented from spreading by the soldiers. The contents of the house were also destroyed, excepting only a small amount of clothing, thrown from the windows. The loss is about \$2,500, and it is understood is not covered by insurance. It is not known how the fire started. Mr. Batchelder was in his saloon until about 2 o'clock a. m., when he retired. Three hours later flames and smoke pouring from the lower windows of the house, a two-story frame dwelling, were noticed by one of the soldiers on guard at the post, who gave the alarm. The soldiers at Fort Myer worked hard to extinguish the flames.

To Advance Rates.

A report has been current for some time to the effect that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has secured control of the steamers running to Mount Vernon, as well as the ferryboat which plys between this city and Washington. There have been evidences of the truth of the rumor, although nothing definite can be learned from those in positions to know. The fact that the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company, believed by many to be controlled in a measure by the Pennsylvania Company, will increase its passenger rates between Washington and Mount Vernon, is taken as an indication of the truthfulness of the report. After January 1, instead of 50 cents, the charged now made, 75 cents will be exacted. The fare from Alexandria to Mount Vernon will be advanced at the same time from 35 cents to 50 cents.

Wedding.

Mr. Everett E. Reid, of this city, and Miss Ada W. Merchant, of Manassas, were married at the Trinity Episcopal Church rectory, in Washington, December 16. Mr. Wm. P. Taylor, of this city, was best man, and Miss Florence Reid, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. Those present from Alexandria were Mrs. N. L. Williamson and Mr. A. L. Nalls. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Baltimore and Philadelphia. The bride is a daughter of Mr. W. N. Merchant, of Manassas. The groom is a son of Mr. J. L. Reid, formerly of Prince William county, and is a young business man of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Reid will reside at 390 north Patrick street.

Alarm of Fire.

The alarm of fire shortly before ten o'clock this morning was caused by the discovery of a blaze in the second story of a small frame house on the north side of Wilkes street, between Washington and Columbus. The department made a quick response and the fire was soon extinguished. The damage was slight. While the fire was in progress one of the steam engines found it impossible to get to the plug on the southwest corner of Columbus and Wilkes streets, from the fact that debris had been piled around it. The matter was reported to the Mayor. The firemen say this has of late become a common occurrence notwithstanding the law against such procedures.

The Supply of Turkeys.

The supply of turkeys had materially increased today, and should the temperature grow mild and continue so during the next twenty-four hours prices will weaken. Some difficulty was experienced today in maintaining prices heretofore demanded. While some fine fowls are on sale, the bulk are not inviting in appearance from the fact that they are unclean and the heads, claws, and legs are left, making them suggestive of picked cranes.

Christmas Preparations.

Country people brought large numbers of cedar and pine trees to the city today to be disposed of for Christmas trees. The market court contained a large display, while Royal street from King to Cameron was lined with them. In other parts of the city wagons loaded with Christmas greens were to be seen. Some of the decorations were pretty and tastefully arranged into garlands, others were circular in shape, while stars and other devices were in evidence.

Police Court.

[Mayor G. L. Simpson Presiding.] The following cases were disposed of last night:

Samuel Madison, arrested by Officer Knight charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

Mat. Williams, arrested by Officer Sherwood for drunkenness, was fined \$5.

Will Probably Recover.

The condition of Thomas Nelson, the colored man, who cut his throat with a razor yesterday morning, is said to be favorable, and his recovery is probable. Yesterday when he reached the Alexandria Hospital he presented a sickening spectacle. An old napkin had been pushed into the wound in his throat and the blood on his neck, breast and clothes gave him a ghastly look. Dr. Purvis, assisted by Dr. Smith, proceeded to examine Nelson. They found that the razor had entered the windpipe and that they had a hard task before them to administer an anesthetic. Nelson when asked why he committed the rash act replied, "I was born to die and I have had trouble." He protested against being disrobed, saying he would catch cold. He was finally prepared for the physicians and they proceeded to sew up the terrible gash in his throat, an operation he stood unflinchingly without the aid of chloroform. As stated above, his recovery is probable.

Personal.

Mrs. Ruth Y. Stuart, who is now in Fletcher, N. C., will spend the remainder of the winter in Bermuda.

Mr. Clarence Walker and family, of Upperville, will shortly move to Alexandria. Mr. Walker married a daughter of Mrs. Lucy Kinzel, of this city, and has a family of interesting children.

Mr. Charles J. Dearborn, now connected with the Southern Railway in St. Louis, is in the city, having come home to see his mother, who is quite sick at Hunter's, in Fairfax county.

Mr. R. E. Knight continues quite sick at his home on south Fairfax street.

Mr. B. B. Smith is quite sick at his home on north Alfred street.

Mr. J. R. Cato has returned from Richmond. He did all he could to secure a final adjournment of the Legislature, but was outvoted by those who have little to do at home.

Mr. J. S. Neale has been appointed a notary public by the Governor.

Smallpox.

When Dr. O'Brien entered his office this morning he found a colored man waiting for him. The doctor upon looking at the man saw he was suffering from smallpox. Several other persons were in the waiting room at the time and much consternation was caused among them. Before they left the office they were vaccinated by the doctor. The authorities were notified at once, but it was not until this evening that the darky was taken to the old smallpox hospital on the confines of the city. The man has been employed in double-tracking of the Southern Railway.

Funeral.

The funeral of the late Capt. James L. Adams, whose death occurred Monday morning, took place from his late home, on north Lees street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Stump of the M. E. Church South, and the pallbearers were Messrs. H. K. Field, S. H. Lunt, Park Agnew, Zora Hill, Peter Aitchison and L. H. Thompson. A large number of friends and acquaintances of the deceased attended the funeral.

Oysters Scarce.

There is always a brisk demand for oysters during the holiday season and consequent high prices, but the still rates have prevailed all through the fall, and now that the supply barely meets the demand, rates of course are in the ascendant. Ordinary oysters were selling on the wharves this morning at \$1.25 per bushel. There were but few to be had even at that price.

Mother and Child Burned.

A coal oil lamp was upset at the home of Alice Berkeley, colored, on the west side of Royal street, between Wilkes and Gibbon, last night. Flames from the lamp set fire to the dress of Bertie, one of her children, and the woman in endeavoring to save the child was painfully burned herself. Both mother and child were attended by Dr. Albert Johnson.

Asleep in the Street.

At an early hour this morning Officer Arrington found an old colored man asleep in the street in the western part of the city. He awakened the sleeper and conducted him to the station house. The darky was in a half-frozen condition as well as half-starved. He gave his name as Nickens. His immediate wants were supplied at the station house.

Complaints from Consumers.

Gas consumers are still complaining of the meagre quantity they often receive. Most of them think the pressure given at the works is insufficient. What ever may be the cause, the fact that there is considerable dissatisfaction is apparent. Some persons stated this morning that they were unable to secure enough light to read by last night.

The Schools.

The public schools of the city were closed this morning for the Christmas holidays, which will continue till Monday morning, January 4 next, and the teachers and janitors will all be paid their salaries for the month tomorrow. Some of the teachers were the recipients of pretty tokens of esteem from their scholars.

Fall of a Stack.

The Emerson Pump Works at the foot of Prince street was blown down by the wind yesterday evening. The stack had rotted near one of the bands and the wind gave it a swaying motion which soon caused it to part and fall. Fortunately no one was near it at the time.

Christmas Celebration.

The Christmas celebration of the Sunday schools of St. John's (Episcopal) Church in West End was held last night. The affair was interesting and pleasant throughout and all who attended enjoyed the entertainment greatly. Mr. Edward Carter took the role of Santa Clause, and acted well his part.

Corporation Court.

[Judge L. C. Barley presiding.] J. A. Seton, jr., vs. M. L. Robinson et al.—decree confirming report of commissioners of sale of property to the Mercantile-Railway Building and Loan Association.

Mrs. Kate Zimmerman was appointed administratrix of the estate of her late husband, W. D. Zimmerman.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

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Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Joseph C. Crippen, of Herndon, and Elizabeth Goebel; S. L. Scott, of Fredericksburg, and Marian L. Reeves; Ernest L. Green, of Weldon, N. C., and Lizzie Keith Turner, of Broad Run, and to Thomas L. Pearson and Rena May Payne, both of Marshall.

North bound passenger train No. 34 of the Washington-Southern Railway, which reached here at 10:30 this morning, had the vestibule window of one of the cars smashed by a rock shortly before it reached Richmond. The miscreant who threw the rock was not captured.

Some trouble occurred among colored men at a saloon in the southwestern part of the city last night. It is said that some pistol shots were fired.

The Sunday schools of Christ and St. Paul's churches will hold their Christmas celebrations tomorrow evening.

Get your cut flowers, ferns, palms and blooming plants from C. G. Shaffer & Co. in market tomorrow.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be ward off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by Richard Gibson.

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Those who persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. B. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00 Trial bottles free.

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Pocket Books. Each 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Wrist Bags. Each 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50.

Fine Clothes Brushes. Each..... \$1.00. Hair Brushes. Each..... 25c and 50c.

Fancy Thermometers..... 50c and 75c. Burnt Leather Laundry List. Each..... 60c.

Burnt Leather Note Books..... 25c. Burnt Leather Diary..... 50c.

Fancy Hat Pins..... 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c. Fancy Brooches. Each..... 15c, 25c, 50c.

Fancy Belt Buckles..... 25c and 50c. Fancy Belt Pins..... 25c and 50c.

Fancy Shirt Waist Sets. Each 15c, 25c, 30c, 50c.

Black and White Silk Belts. Each 25c and 50c.

Fancy Silk Stock Collars, in fancy boxes. Each 25c, 50c, 60c, 98c.

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